



CHERRY TREE

ALLIANCE CHURCH



January 28, 2024 • 10:00 AM

Today's Message:
The Power of Suffering -
Part One
Pastor Travis Deans

10:00 AM
WORSHIP SERVICE
January 28, 2024

Call to Worship

Blessed Be Your Name

Friendship Greeting

Announcements

Offering

Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus

I Speak Jesus
Cornerstone

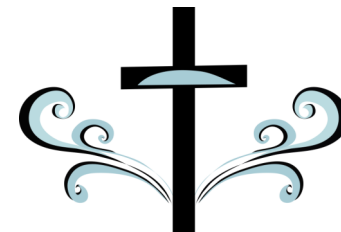
Praise & Petition

Message

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Whom Shall I Fear

Benediction



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Notes & Comments:



Sanctity of Life Sunday - Special Offering

We will be joining with area churches and recognizing Sanctity of Life Sunday **TODAY, January 28th** by

donating 10% of our Operating Fund offering collected today to Alternatives Yes and Center of Hope crisis pregnancy centers. *Please note that this 10% will be calculated based on giving to our Operating / General fund, as we are not able to tithe on gifts to designated funds (such as the Great Commission fund) as the entire amount must go to the designated fund.* You can also indicate "Sanctity of Life" on your offering envelopes to make a direct gift to these organizations. Please join us in recognizing the sanctity of life by supporting our local centers for mothers & babies in need.

Budget Presentation & Special Congregational Meeting

A congregational meeting will be held following the worship service **TODAY, January 28th** for the following purposes: the electing of two Nominating Committee members and the presentation of the 2024 budget.



Nominees for the Nominating Committee must be active members of Cherry Tree Alliance. Please prayerfully consider who you might nominate, relying upon the guidance of Scripture and the leading of the Holy Spirit. Prior to the congregational meeting, please ask the person you intend to nominate if he or she is willing to be nominated. The congregation will elect two members to the Nominating Committee, and the Board of Elders has elected two members - Shirley Kolesar & Don Smith.

Copies of the proposed 2024 budget are available on the info table in the foyer.



Men's Small Group

Our next men's small group meeting will be held here at Cherry Tree Alliance on Saturday, **February 10th**. The meeting is from 8:00 - 10:00 AM and will include breakfast and a time of study based on the book *Beautiful Outlaw* by John Eldredge. Please sign up at the bulletin board in the foyer.



Welcome Baby Lucas!

Please join us in welcoming a sweet new baby boy to our church family! **Lucas Grant** was born to our dear Kassie Miller & husband Riley Higinbotham on January 12th at 7:59 AM. He weighed 8 pounds, 15 ounces and was 22 inches long. We are so thankful to the Lord for a safe & healthy delivery! Please pray for Kassie, Riley, and big sister Layla as they adjust to having a new baby in their home. Welcome to our big, wide world, little Lucas!

Collegiate Day of Prayer

Please mark your calendars for the Collegiate Day of Prayer on Thursday, **February 29th!** The goal is to cover every campus across the nation in prayer. There are several ways you can participate:



1. You can sign up to adopt a campus in prayer at collegiatedayofprayer.org.
2. You can join our CTAC Prayer Challenge on our church Facebook page, where we are seeking individuals to commit to praying on February 29th for each of our local college campuses (we will launch this sign-up closer to the date!)
3. Prayer sheets are available on the info table in the foyer to help guide your time of intercession at home or with a group.

Be sure to check out the Collegiate Day of Prayer website for further resources, including a 30 and 40 day prayer guide.



Capital Campaign - New Church Van

We have ordered a van for approximately \$65,000, which will take at least one year to arrive from the manufacturer. As we wait, we need to begin collecting funds for this expense. The dealership has agreed that if we do not have the needed funds when the van arrives, we do not have to take it; however, we want to avoid this as we would likely then have to go back on the waitlist for ordering a vehicle. To contribute to this fund, please mark your offering envelopes or online donation "Van." We thank you for your support!

CALL TO PRAYER

JANUARY 2024



INTO THE LAND OF PROMISE

Many people today are trying their best to keep, perhaps, a New Year's resolution to live a different life, but before the year is past, they usually fail. They make these resolutions often and yet fail to keep them and so give up trying in despair. This is what the devil wants. He knew you would fail all the time. Many Christians are doing the same thing and perhaps think God has put them in hard places, and their efforts are vain to live in them.

Beloved, it is not what we can do but what God can do. Jesus Christ came not to impose taxes but to pay them. He does not command you to be right. That was the work of Moses. There is a great difference between law and grace, as great as between demand and supply. The law says, "You must"; grace says, "I will enable you to do." The law says, "Be strong and be holy"; grace says, "I have come to bring you the blessings of holiness." The first words spoken to Joshua were: "Go over into the land which I do give to you" (see Josh. 1:2b). Jesus comes to give, not to demand. He says, "My yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

STEPS IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION

We are so grateful to our friends and partners in the gospel for their faithful prayers, heartfelt encouragement, and generous giving to Alliance ministries. We are here because of you! Following is a story from the spiritual harvest taking place in Sendai, Japan.

"Up until now, I had never considered God's existence. After meeting the people at the church, I have begun to wonder if maybe there is a God!" These were the words of Sato-san* as she reflected on her visit to Freedom Life Church, the Sendai church plant. Like most Japanese, Sato-san had never considered God or His existence in her entire life—not even once. A friend invited her to a worship service, and Sato-san came. Experiencing a worship gathering and Christian community made an impact on her. It caused her to think about God and even opened her up to the possibility of His existence. This is a small step, but we celebrate all steps in the right direction! Thank you for making it possible for us to connect with people like Sato-san. Please pray for her and others in this harvest field as they contemplate the existence of God and consider the claims of Christ. Ask the Lord for a mighty harvest of souls!"

Immerse Small Groups
College Age Group - Sundays at 5:00 PM
Ladies' Small Group - Wednesdays at 6:30 PM

Moms in Prayer - Mondays at 6:00 PM
Please ask the church office for Teresa's number
for the meeting details.



Bible Quiz Practice
Tuesdays 6:00 - 7:00 PM / 2nd-12th Grade
Please contact Pastor Joshua with any questions
at capacityallianceyouth@gmail.com.

AWANA Clubs

Wednesdays from 6:30 - 8:00 PM.
Ages 3 years old - 5th Grade



Register online at: www.cherrytreealliance.org/ministries/childrens-ministry

International Workers of the Week

Please pray for our Alliance workers of the week, Gus & Annie, who serve in Europe. Please pray for them in these areas of their ministry: **"Bio: Annie was saved by the work of two Jamaican missionaries from CEF (Children Evangelization Fellowship) in Hong Kong when she was a teenager. Gus received the Salvation Grace in an IVSF Retreat while attending university in Oregon. Serving short-term pastoral ministry in both Jamaica and Sweden and seeing particularly the need of Chinese Diaspora churches in Europe, Gus responded to God's call for missions among diaspora groups on the continent. Annie prepared herself and served as a teacher for the needy children in a multi-cultural context in a poor neighborhood in London, UK.**

Gus facilitated the opportunity in pastoring a local Chinese church and leading them to reach out to the diaspora groups, incarcerated or free, in London for some years. He has also been called to serve Europe and the UK for their leaders and churches to be missional through Simply Mobilizing, while assuming a leadership role in giving training and organizing courses.

Current Priorities: Facilitate on-going networking meetings and courses with diaspora groups in Europe including the roll-out & implementation of new training programs and priorities. **Vision:** Through our persistent work among diaspora groups in Europe, being Christ-centered, Spirit-empowered and mission-focused in what we do, we long to see every believer living a life on mission with God and, every church a missional church, facilitating God's people on mission with God. **Prayer Requests:** Pray for our obedience to God's Call. Pray for our passions in mobilizing God's people in churches and communities in the European nations. Pray for the understanding and supply from our family, friends and supporters in continuing our diaspora mobilization ministry in UK and in Europe."

Prayer of the Day

We praise the Lord for His faithfulness in providing the finances needed to maintain our church home & ministries throughout 2023! As we take time today after the service to review our 2024 budget, please join us in both thanking God for His provision & seeking His will as we make plans for the new year.



Kids & Capacity Sunday Ministry

Jr. Kids Church - 10:00 AM on Sunday Mornings
Ages Pre-K / K-2nd Grade / 3rd through 5th Grade
Nursery Care available

Capacity Church - 10:00 AM on Sunday Mornings
6th-8th Grade - Contact Pastor Joshua with any
questions at capacityallianceyouth@gmail.com.



Offering plates will be passed during the service.
You may also place your offering in the wall lockbox outside
the church office door. To give online, visit our website at
www.cherrytreealliance.org/giving to check out our electronic
donation service using the program Tithe.ly.

Thanks for your faithful giving!

New Offering Envelopes

Offering envelopes for 2024 are available in the foyer.
If you do not see a set prepared for you and you would
like one, please contact Andrea in the church office.



GIVING

Operating Fund Giving for January: \$28,665
(Amount needed monthly: \$27,734)
Last Week's Great Commission Giving: \$255

LAST WEEK'S ATTENDANCE
10:00 AM Worship Service: 86
Livestream Views: 311

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